



Illinois Conservation Police Bi-Weekly Report



Vision Statement: As vigilant guardians we will protect the citizens and natural resources of Illinois.

DATE:

(Weeks of January 15 – January 28, 2017)

*This report represents some events the OLE handled over the last couple of weeks;
however, it does not include all actions taken by the Office of Law Enforcement.*

REGION 1 – Captain Laura Petreikis

District 1 – Sgt. T. Petreikis

(Counties: Carroll, Henry, JoDaviess, Lee, Mercer, Ogle, Rock Island, Stephenson & Whiteside)

CARROLL COUNTY

CPO Jones and CPOT Poffenberger stopped a vehicle for speeding. Upon further investigation, the subject admitted to having drug paraphernalia in the vehicle. The subject was issued a citation for speeding and a civil citation for possession of drug paraphernalia.

HENRY COUNTY

CPO Posateri responded to a call for an immature bald eagle with unknown injuries or illness. The eagle was collected and taken to a rehabber, but it died the following morning of unknown causes. The eagle will be forwarded to the US Fish & Wildlife Service.

CPO Posateri responded to a call for an injured bow hunter at Johnson Sauk Trail SRA. The disabled hunter had called the staff asking for help but due to poor cell reception the call was lost before the staff could ascertain what kind of help was needed. The hunter was located with no injuries, but he had successfully harvested an 8pt deer and needed assistance getting it to his truck.

JO DAVIESS COUNTY

CPO Hoogerwerf issued citations to Winnebago hunters during the final CWD deer hunting season after they were found to be archery deer hunting on DNR property not open to hunting. The hunters were also not wearing a blaze orange hat or upper garment as required during a firearm deer hunting season.

CPO Hoogerwerf attended a hunting expo in Apple River with the DNR's wildlife education trailer.

MERCER COUNTY

CPO Francisko closed a deer poaching case involving a Texas resident. The week before firearms deer season, a Texas resident came to Mercer County to archery deer hunt. The man did not purchase a non-resident hunting license, habitat stamp or any deer permits. The man harvested a doe and had possession of an aged buck rack. On 1-9-2017, in Mercer County court, the man pled guilty to harvesting a deer without a valid deer permit. Total costs on this charge were \$741.00 (\$250.00 fine, \$250.00 civil penalty for the poached deer, \$241.00 court costs), and the Texas man forfeited the seized deer meat. He also pled guilty to a second charge for hunting in Illinois without a non-resident hunting license. Total costs on this charge were \$491.00 (\$250 fine, \$241 court costs). Total costs to the Texas resident for poaching a doe out of Illinois were \$1,232.00 and loss of the deer. The administrative process of assessing points against his hunting privileges is pending.

OGLE COUNTY

CPO Beltran observed a truck parked next to the railroad tracks with a dog box in the back. He could hear hounds calling in the distance along the tracks. Not knowing where the hunter was, he asked CPO Teas and an intern to assist and check the other side of the tracks. CPO Beltran and the intern walked east along the tracks near Byron, Illinois and found a Rockford man, carrying an AR style firearm, walking with his dog down the middle of the tracks. CPO Beltran stopped the man, and he stated he was aware he was trespassing and hunting illegally on the tracks and said he does it all the time. He was cited for hunting without permission and warned for trespassing and no blaze orange hat.

ROCK ISLAND

CPO Posateri worked the Bald Eagle Days at the QCCA Expo Center. Kids and adults enjoyed the education trailer. Many questions were answered, and some complaints were fielded to officers.

STEPHENSON

No activity reported for this county

WHITESIDE

No activity reported for this county

District 6 - Sgt. Phil Wire **(Counties: Boone, Bureau, DeKalb, LaSalle, Putnam & Winnebago)**

BOONE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

BUREAU COUNTY

While conducting ice fish enforcement at Mautino State Fish and Wildlife Area, CPO Wagner cited two individuals for fishing without valid sport fishing licenses.

CPO Wagner cited an individual for operation of motor vehicle with expired registration plates.

While conducting traffic enforcement, CPO Wagner issued multiple citations and written warnings for speed violations

CPO Kaufman responded to a report of vehicles damaged in the Starved Rock Lodge parking lot by a totem pole. The top half of the totem pole had broken off and caused significant damage to two cars parked nearby. The totem pole had internal insect damage.

DEKALB COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LASALLE COUNTY

CPO Jansen conducted deer hunting investigations and discovered several violations. Further investigations are pending.

While on foot patrols at Starved Rock State Park and Matthiessen State Park, CPO Filipiak issued the following citations were issued:

- 8 citations issued to individuals who remained on the trail system which had closed
- 1 citation issued for possession of alcohol on the trail system
- 1 citation issued for littering on the trail system
- 8 civil penalties were issued for possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia

CPO Filipiak conducted an investigation on a trapper in Northern LaSalle County. The trapper was found to have not checked his traps for 9 consecutive days and trapping with multiple untagged trapping devices. The individual was issued two citations and two written warning for failure to check traps with 24 hours and trapping with untagged devices.

CPO Finn and CPO Filipiak were patrolling in Putnam and LaSalle county when they observed a vehicle traveling at a high rate of speed. After performing a traffic stop, it was discovered the Wisconsin man was under the influence of cannabis. The driver was arrested and taken to the LaSalle County Jail. He received citations for DUI, speeding 80mph in a 55 mph zone and no insurance. He also received citations for the possession of cannabis and drug paraphernalia.

PUTNAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WINNEBAGO COUNTY

While patrolling county roads in rural Winnebago County, CPO Fraser observed a pickup truck travel through a stop sign at approximately 60 MPH. CPO Fraser followed the vehicle and observed the driver swerving across lanes of traffic and drive in the oncoming lane nearly striking an oncoming vehicle. CPO Fraser initiated a traffic stop and followed the driver nearly ½ mile before stopping. CPO Fraser conducted field sobriety tests on the driver who showed signs of impairment. He was subsequently arrested for DUI alcohol. The driver refused to provide a breath sample.

CPO Fraser obtained a felony arrest warrant for evidence destruction reference a deer permit investigation case. After avoiding CPOs for several weeks, CPO Fraser was able to serve the suspect the warrant with the assistance of Illinois State Police troopers. The subject was taken into custody without incident and transported to jail.

Rain, sleet, and ice precipitated an absence of regulated outdoor sporting activity during this reporting period. Officer Schoonhoven used this period to follow up on and subsequently close previously active cases and to dispose of evidence.

CPO Alt investigated a complaint of unlawful selling of Whitetail deer meat. The investigation revealed the subject offered to sell venison to a couple friends over social media but had yet to actually complete a transaction. CPO Alt took the opportunity to take a proactive approach to this complaint and educate the citizen on the unlawful selling of venison section in the Illinois Wildlife Code .

CPO Alt received a complaint of a citizen unlawfully ice fishing with nine tip-up devices at Four Lakes Forest Preserve which exceeds the statewide three device limit. The investigation is ongoing.

District 7, Sgt. Avery

(Counties: Fulton, Henderson, Knox, Marshall, McDonough, Peoria, Stark, Tazewell, Warren & Woodford)

FULTON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HENDERSON COUNTY

CPO Reid responded to a shots fired call in Gulfport.

KNOX COUNTY

CPOT Sanford and CPO Lazzell conducted hunter compliance checks at Spoon River State Forest during late winter antlerless-only season. Two individuals were found to have loaded firearms after legal shooting hours, and one individual was not wearing the required blaze orange outer garments. All individuals received written warnings for the violations.

MARSHALL

No activity reported for this county

McDONOUGH

CPO Reid investigated a case of deer permit fraud in Macomb.

PEORIA COUNTY

CPOT Sanford and CPO Lazzell conducted a traffic stop near IL Rt 8 and Taylor Rd in Peoria County. The driver was cited for disobeying a stop sign and operating an uninsured motor vehicle. The driver also received two written warnings.

STARK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

TAZEWELL COUNTY

CPO VanZant cited a subject for illegal possession of over the limit of catfish at Powerton Lake.

CPO VanZant cited a subject for hunting without a valid deer permit. The subject was also issued a written warning for failure to tag deer immediately upon kill.

WARREN COUNTY

CPO Reid recovered a dead bald eagle north of Monmouth.

WOODFORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

REGION 2 – Captain Brett Scroggins

District 2 – Sgt.
(Counties: Kane, Lake & McHenry)

KANE COUNTY

A subject cited by CPO VanWiltburg in Kane County pled guilty to unlawful use of a cast net within 300 yards of a dam. He was fined \$145.

A subject cited by CPO VanWiltensburg for hunting deer with the use of bait in Kane County was fined \$120.

LAKE COUNTY

A subject cited by CPO VanWiltensburg for failure to register a deer harvest by 10:00 p.m. pled guilty and was fined \$120 in Lake County Court.

A subject arrested by CPO VanWiltensburg for OUI was fined \$1,756 in Lake County Court.

McHENRY COUNTY

CPOs Semenik, Davis, and CPOT Knop arrested four subjects in unincorporated McHenry County for unlawfully hunting by aid/use of conveyance, unlawful use of light from a vehicle, and unlawful transport of an uncased loaded firearm. The officers were conducting a deer decoy detail when they encountered a vehicle driving slowly down an isolated road, shining handheld spotlights from both sides of the vehicle. A traffic stop was conducted, resulting in the seizure of a loaded, uncased .22 caliber rifle and two spotlights. The rifle is pending forfeiture proceedings.

District 3 – Sgt.
(Counties: Grundy, Kankakee, Kendall & Will)

GRUNDY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

KANKAKEE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

KENDALL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WILL COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 4 – Sgt.
(Counties: Cook & DuPage, Lake)

COOK COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

DuPAGE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

LAKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

REGION 3 – Captain Jim Mayes

Region 3 officers attended the Statewide In-Service training at the Decatur Conference Center

District 11 – Sgt. Brian McReynolds

(Counties: Clark, Coles, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie & Shelby)

CLARK COUNTY

CPO Wellum investigated a hunting accident in Clark County. While deer hunting, a New York man had a strap break on a ladder stand he was climbing into and fell 14 feet to the ground. The man sustained two broken lumbar vertebrae and his lower left leg. The man was hunting with an outfitter who was issued a written warning for failure to report hunting accident by an outfitter.

COLES COUNTY

While checking fishermen at Lake Charleston, CPO Moody arrested a Charleston man on a fugitive from justice warrant out of Wisconsin for a parole violation. The man was also cited for possession of drug paraphernalia and possession of cannabis.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

DOUGLAS COUNTY

CPO Moody investigated a Villa Grove man in rural Douglas County. Through the investigation, it was determined that the man had shot and killed a small buck during archery season and never tagged it or reported the harvest. Further investigation revealed at least six other deer killed illegally in recent years by the same man. The man received multiple citations and written warnings.

EDGAR COUNTY

CPO Wellum investigated a hunting accident in Edgar County. An Edgar County man was attempting to climb down from his deer stand without unloading his shotgun. The man was bringing the loaded shotgun down muzzle first when the shotgun fired. The slug passed through his coat, pants and boot. The man had powder burns to his groin, and the ends of two toes had to be removed.

CPO Wellum caught two Indiana men in November with numerous deer hunting violations in Edgar County. The men both pled guilty and were each fined \$1144.00 and placed on 12 months supervision.

MOULTRIE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SHELBY COUNTY

CPO Barnes is investigating a TIPS complaint of an individual illegally hunting on the Eagle Creek Golf Course in Shelby County. CPO Barnes has determined two individuals from Fayette and Jasper Counties are involved. The investigation is ongoing.

SGT McReynolds attended 3 days of Supervisor In-Service Training in Decatur.

CPOs Barnes, Greuel, Moody and Wellum attended 3 days of In-Service training in Decatur.

District 19 – Sgt. John Williamson

(Counties: Champaign, DeWitt, Ford, Iroquois, Livingston, Macon, McLean, Piatt & Vermilion)

CHAMPAIGN COUNTY

CPO Cottrell cited a Champaign County resident for hunting without permission on the Norfolk Southern rail line in Champaign County. The group also received 5 additional written warnings for other violations including not wearing blaze orange.

DEWITT COUNTY

On Saturday, January 21, CPOT Snodgrass and CPO Graden conducted a detail at Clinton lake enforcing sport fishing and watercraft regulations. Multiple written warnings were issued for fishing and boating violations. A citation for violating a posted no wake zone was issued to an adult male watercraft operator from Potomac.

Sgt. Williamson and CPO Viverito attended a Pheasants Forever/ Excelon Power presentation for local 2nd and 4th graders. Sgt. Williamson and CPO Viverito used the new Region 3 education trailer and did K9 demonstrations with K9 Hank.

CPO Wright worked Crappie and White Bass fishermen on Clinton lake. Multiple people were given citations for taking over the limits. In one case, two Chicago men, who were checked by CPO Wright, were both charged for possession of over the limit. One was charged for over limit of Striped Bass and the other had an

over limit of Crappies. Both men claimed that the fishing was so good they failed to keep count of the fish they kept.

CPO wright and CPO thornley were working in Decatur, when they observed a vehicle park in the middle of the road and fail to signal. They initiated a traffic stop and found the driver to have 3 warrants out of Macon county. The driver was cited for not having a valid drivers license and taken to the Macon County Jail on the 3 warrants that included the possession of a controlled substance

FORD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

IROQUOIS

No activity reported for this county

LIVINGSTON

No activity reported for this county

MACON COUNTY

CPO Wright and CPOT Thornley were working in Decatur when they observed a vehicle park in the middle of the road and fail to signal. They initiated a traffic stop and found the driver to have 3 warrants out of Macon County. The driver was cited for not having a valid driver's license and taken to the Macon County Jail on the 3 warrants that included possession of a controlled substance.

McLEAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PIATT COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

VERMILION COUNTY

CPO Cottrell conducted a deer permit timeline investigation on a Vermilion County resident that resulted in a citation being issued for failure to tag a Whitetail deer immediately upon kill. He also received two written warnings for other hunting related violations.

REGION 4 – Captain Jamie Maul

District 9 – Sgt. Mark Wagner

(Counties: Adams, Brown, Calhoun, Greene, Hancock, Jersey, Macoupin, Pike & Schuyler)

ADAMS COUNTY

CPO Blazinic closed a case on a subject who pled guilty to taking 8 short Shovelnose Sturgeon. The subject paid a total fine and court cost of \$1,600.

BROWN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CALHOUN COUNTY

CPO Weishaupt responded to a complaint of someone shooting deer with a rifle. He responded to the area and found the suspect. After a brief interview, the suspect admitted to shooting at a deer, however he missed. CPO Weishaupt searched the area and located a freshly killed deer. This deer was in a different location from the complaint. CPO Weishaupt interviewed the subject again. The subject admitted to killing the deer at that location in addition to shooting at and missing the deer at a second location.

GREENE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HANCOCK COUNTY

CPO Wheatley was notified of 3 men hunting rabbits on a set of railroad tracks near Augusta. He responded to the area, but he was unable to locate the subjects. After speaking with the complainant and the rail road company, he continued to search for the suspect vehicle. He found it north of Plymouth, unoccupied with one rabbit inside the bed. The men were subsequently located. He interviewed them in the field concerning the hunting on the railroad tracks. The men admitted to it and were issued tickets shortly thereafter for hunting without permission.

JERSEY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MACOUPIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PIKE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SCHUYLER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 10 – Sgt. Chris Stone

(Counties: Cass, Christian, Logan, Mason, Menard, Morgan, Sangamon & Scott)

District 10 CPOs attend in-service training in Decatur.

CASS COUNTY

CPO Bettis investigated a suicide which occurred at Jim Edgar Panther Creek.

CHRISTIAN COUNTY

CPO Cochran issued one illegal fire citation and three written warnings to a subject at Lake Sangchris.

LOGAN COUNTY

CPO Bettis taught DNR laws and job responsibilities in two 45 minute classes to more than 25 Lincoln High School students.

MASON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MENARD COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MORGAN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SANGAMON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SCOTT COUNTY

CPOs Wichern and Blakeley received a complaint that a large white panel van was buying furs behind the gas station in Bluffs on certain Friday evenings. CPO Blakeley located the fur buyer and sold (3) large raccoon furs. Several other individuals were also selling furs. CPO Wichern conducted a licenses check and records inspection after the fur buyer concluded business that evening. It was determined the fur buyer was properly

licensed from Ogle county, and traveled the state buying fur. It was also determined the fur buyer issued and maintained the proper receipts for each fur transaction, and he had not purchased otter or bobcats this trip due the low fur prices

District 13 – Sgt. Eric Manker

(Counties: Bond, Clinton, Madison, Monroe, Montgomery, Randolph, St. Clair & Washington)

BOND COUNTY

CLINTON COUNTY

CPO Tapley issued citations to two subjects for unlawfully taking whitetail deer without a permit. These citations stemmed from earlier investigations in the hunting season.

MADISON COUNTY

CPO French and CPO Tapley stopped an East Alton subject for suspended license, suspended registration, no insurance and failure to signal when required.

MONROE COUNTY

CPO Schachner received a court disposition on a recent deer baiting case. The deer hunter was a repeat offender for baiting deer and hunting deer with the aid of bait. He was caught “red-handed” each time but stubbornly refused to accept responsibility. The deer baiter pled guilty in Monroe County court and is now responsible for paying a \$750 fine.

CPO Schachner received a court disposition on a deer poaching case involving a deer shot from a vehicle in Monroe County. The violator was fined \$1000 including a \$250 civil penalty on the poached deer.

MONTGOMERY

CPO Matt Lentz issued a citation to a Sorento man for suspended plates due to no insurance.

CPO Matt Lentz issued a citation to a Litchfield man at Coffeen Lake for illegal taking of a crappie less than 10 inches.

CPO Matt Lentz issued a citation to a Mt. Olive man at Coffeen Lake for illegal taking of a largemouth Bass less than 15 inches.

CPO Matt Lentz issued a citation to a Donnellson man for littering in Shoal Creek by throwing a TV in it.

CPO Matt Lentz issued a citation to a Taylor Springs man for illegal transportation of an alcoholic beverage in Montgomery County at 8:55 AM.

CPOs Tapley and Lentz issued citations to two subjects for pollution of waterways after an investigation into a dumping complaint.

RANDOLPH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

ST. CLAIR COUNTY

CPO Ralph Sievers was checking fishermen at Baldwin Lake. A male subject did not have a fishing license and was consuming alcohol. The park visitors are not allowed to possess or consume alcohol at Baldwin Lake. The subject also had valid warrants for a failure to appear in Randolph County for fishing without a valid fishing license and for a failure to appear in St. Clair County for intoxication and resisting arrest. The subject was confined at the St. Clair County Jail and was served a citation for possession/consumption of alcohol and a written warning for fishing without a fishing license.

In interstate cooperation between Illinois and Missouri Conservation Officers, CPO Rolfingsmeier and Missouri Conservation Agent Kyle Dunda worked a deer hunting investigation. The investigation resulted in the seizure of two deer, including a 9 point buck that was killed by a Illinois resident using a Missouri resident deer permit. In addition, a Missouri resident fraudulently obtained a Illinois resident hunting license and used another Illinois resident hunter's deer permit to kill a 14 point buck. Several citations and written warnings were issued.

On 1/17/17, CPO Charles received information of a wounded deer near New Athens in St Clair County. CPO Charles drove to the location but could not find the deer in the area. CPO Charles did see a group of rabbit hunters in the area. After completing a check on the hunters, CPO Charles discovered that one of the hunters was hunting without a valid habitat stamp. Appropriate enforcement action was taken for the discovered violation.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

On 1/20/17, CPO Charles made contact with a timber cutter that harvested trees from a landowner in Washington County. CPO Charles informed the timber cutter that the landowner had contacted him regarding not receiving payment for timber that was previously harvested. The timber cutter ensured CPO Charles the payment would be made within the next few days. On 1/23/17, CPO Charles received information from the landowner in Washington County confirming that he had received all payments required for timber that was harvested from his property.

REGION 5 – Captain Tim Daiber

District 14 – Sgt. Jeff Cariens

(Counties: Franklin, Gallatin, Hamilton, Hardin, Jefferson, Pope, Saline, White)

FRANKLIN COUNTY

CPO Folden arrested a Franklin County resident on information derived from the Open Source Task Force. CPO Folden identified the subject killed an 8 point buck in 2015 but only had antlerless-only firearm permits and antlerless-only archery permits. Through further investigation, CPO Folden determined the subject's father reported the harvest of a deer with a description similar to the one CPO Folden expected was illegally harvested. Interviews with the subject revealed he also harvested two does with a bow but had only one permit and did not report the harvest. CPO Folden issued citations for unlawful use of another's permit, unlawful take of an antlered deer with only an antlerless-only permit, unlawful take of deer (2 does but only one permit), and a written warning for failure to report harvest. The 8 point buck was located with the other person's permit still on the antlers. The buck was seized.

GALLATIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

HAMILTON COUNTY

CPO Folden responded to a complaint in Hamilton County State Fish and Wildlife Area campground. A camper was occupying a campsite and was delinquent on payment in the amount of \$400. Immediately after the initial contact with the subject, CPO Folden placed him under arrest for theft of services. During the arrest, CPO Folden identified the subject was wanted on a warrant. A second subject occupying the camper was also wanted on multiple warrants. CPO Folden detained the second subject as well. The second subject told CPO Folden that subject one was a convicted felon and there were firearms and drugs in the camper. A search warrant was secured. Two firearms, lots of ammunition, methamphetamines, cannabis, multiple items of drug paraphernalia, and cash were seized while executing the warrant. Subject one was issued 2 citations for unlawful camping and was charged with unlawful possession of a firearm by a felon, possession of ammunition by a felon, possession of a firearm with defaced identification numbers, possession of drug paraphernalia, theft of services. Both subjects are in jail with \$50,000 bonds.

HARDIN COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JEFFERSON COUNTY

CPO Diggins cited a Missouri boater for no PFD. Several warnings were issued for other boating and camping violations.

POPE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

SALINE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WHITE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 15 – Sgt. Dave Hyatt

(Counties: Clay, Crawford, Edwards, Effingham, Fayette, Jasper, Lawrence, Marion, Richland, Wabash & Wayne)

CLAY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

CRAWFORD COUNTY

EDWARDS COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

EFFINGHAM COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

FAYETTE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JASPER COUNTY

CPO Smith was working at Newton Lake and encountered several watercraft with equipment violations. CPO Smith issued 1 written warning for failure to display registration number, 1 warning for improper number display, 1 warning for no sounding device, 1 warning for expired trailer registration, 1 warning for fishing license not in possession, 2 warnings for expired fire extinguishers, 4 warnings for no type IV PFD throwable device, and 5 warnings for batteries not being covered. CPO Smith issued 1 citation for use of a motor exceeding 25 horsepower.

LAWRENCE COUNTY

While checking two duck hunters, CPO Taylor found that one of the hunters was hunting with an unplugged shotgun. The subject was issued a citation.

MARION COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

RICHLAND COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WABASH COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

WAYNE COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

District 16 – Sgt. K. Taylor

(Counties: Alexander, Jackson, Johnson, Massac, Perry, Pulaski, Union & Williamson)

ALEXANDER COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JACKSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

JOHNSON COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

MASSAC COUNTY

CPO Johnson cited four waterfowl hunters for hunting without permission.

PERRY COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

PULASKI COUNTY

No activity reported for this county

UNION COUNTY

CPO Vasicek was on duty patrolling in the Union County Refuge SFWA. He observed a suspicious vehicle and made a traffic stop on the vehicle. When CPO Vasicek made contact with the driver and his passenger, he

detected a strong odor of cannabis from within the vehicle. After a brief discussion, the driver turned the cannabis and drug paraphernalia over to CPO Vasicek. In addition, a larger quantity of cannabis was discovered in the trunk of the car along with a scale, plastic bags, and a large amount of cash in a plastic bag. All contraband including cash was seized. The driver was arrested for possession with intent to deliver and was transported to the Union County Jail.

CPO Vasicek reported the disposition of a previous case in Union County. The subject was arrested for spotlighting, hunting from a roadway, and transportation of multiple loaded rifles in a conveyance. He was also in possession of 3 different types of drugs. The subject was found guilty and fined totaling \$3,856.00. The subject was also ordered to complete 30 hours of public service and was revoked from hunting for 2 years.

CPO Vasicek located a small camouflage truck parked in a very remote area of the Shawnee National Forest. The vehicle was adjacent to a large swamp on USFS property. Vasicek suspected that the subjects were waterfowl hunting and set up surveillance on the vehicle and its boat trailer. A short time later, he heard duck calling and a volley of shots. The duck season had closed 2 weeks prior in the south central zone. After several hours, the subjects came in by boat and were found to be in possession of 11 ducks that had been killed during the closed season. Two of the subjects were also in possession of unplugged shotguns along with other site specific and licensing violations. Multiple citations were issued, and their gear and ducks were seized.

District 16 CPOs attended statewide in-service training. Training subjects covered medical, explosives, EEOC and leadership training.

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| WILLIAMSON COUNTY |
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No activity reported for this county